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Partnership for Ladders of Opportunity Grant for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Intermodal Facility

The Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station (Station) connects the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Blue and Green lines and functions as a major regional transit center with connections to numerous bus lines. The Station provides the only transfer point between the two rail lines and has the fourth highest passenger boardings in the entire Metro rail system.

The Station is located in unincorporated Willowbrook, which is undergoing significant revitalization through the Los Angeles County's (County) ongoing efforts to expand medical services on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus. In addition, the County, in coordination with Metro, the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC), and community partners, has also initiated pedestrian and bike improvements, affordable housing and open space projects, along with a variety of other community enhancements in the surrounding area.

Metro's Master Plan for the Station, completed in cooperation with the County and with input from the community, proposes a reconfiguration of Station's area, including bus

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facility and intermodal improvements, an expansion of the Blue line station platform, a new southern entrance to improve pedestrian movement, rider-oriented retail amenities, and a Sheriff's sub-station. These improvements promise to better connect transit riders from the station to health services, jobs, training and retail opportunities available in the surrounding community. In order to complete the envisioned improvements, Metro would redevelop a 1.25 acre portion of the adjacent 14-acre Kenneth Hahn Plaza (Plaza). CDC, which owns the land and ground leases for the 14-acre site, would work collaboratively to transfer its ownership interest in the 1.25 acre portion to Metro.

At the April 24, 2014 Board Meeting, the Metro Board of Directors approved the submittal of a "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Act" grant application for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Master Plan Implementation Project to the United States Department of Transportation. Metro staff has since identified the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Program, through its Ladders of Opportunity Initiative, as another potential funding source for bus and intermodal facility elements of the Master Plan for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station.

Given the County's ongoing engagement in the revitalization of this community, and that CDC has fee ownership of the portion of the property on which the improvements are planned, it is appropriate for CDC to partner with Metro on this application and continue to work with Metro to transfer the fee ownership so that the objectives of improving the rider experience, along with enhancing the safety and accessibility of the Station can be realized.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

1. Work collaboratively with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as a partner, to submit a Ladders of Opportunity grant to the Federal Transit Administration for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Intermodal Facility Project;
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to partner with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on other potential funding opportunities to implement the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Master Plan; and
3. Continue to take appropriate steps to transfer its property ownership interest in the 1.25 acre portion of Kenneth Hahn Plaza to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in order to facilitate the proposed Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Master Plan Implementation.

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